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1. APPROACH TO GOC ONE OF SERIES SOVS HAVE RECENTLY MADE TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

2. WDC IS SOVIET UN INITIATIVE. WE HAVE BEEN, AND REMAIN,
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NEGATIVE TOWARD WDC, BELIEVING THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD RAISE FALSE HOPES, PRODUCE LITTLE ACTION AND LIKELY UNDERMINE EXISTING DISARMAMENT FORUMS. BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL NUCLEAR POWERS ( THE US AND THE PRC) TO TAKING STEPS TO CONVENE A WDC, THE XXVIITH GA RESOLVED ONLY TO SET UP SPECIAL COMMITTEE " TO EXAMINE ALL VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS" ON CONVENING OF WDC. SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS NOT " PREPARATORY COMMITTEE". WE SEE NO NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY OF VIEWS ON WDC; WE ABSTAINED ON THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION, HAVE DECLINED PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE, AND HAVE EXPRESSED OUR DOUBTS TO OTHERS RE UTILITY OF COMMITTEE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. CHINESE DID NOT OPPOSE FORMATION OF COMMITTEE, BUT MADE IT CLEAR THEY DID NOT INTEND PARTICIPATE IN IT. WE HAVE SAID WE PREPARED RECONSIDER POSITION OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE IF ALL OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS WILLING PARTICIPATE. UK, JAPAN, FRANCE, AND NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES SHARE OUR VIEW THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT MEET WITHOUT PARTICIPATION ALL NUCLEAR POWERS. WE SEE NO LIKELIHOOD CHINESE WILL PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS BECOME A FOCUS OF SINO- SOVIET ACRIMONY. SOVS IN RECENT SERIES OF DEMARCHES ARE APPARENTLY SEEKING SALVAGE AT LEAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

3. AT XXVII GA SESSION, LA STATES, LED BY ARGENTINA, PROPOSED FORMATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WDC AS FALL-BACK FROM WDC PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHEN PRC STRONGLY OPPOSED LATTER. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR PRC WOULD ALSO NOT PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AND SOVIETS LIKELY TO BE ONLY NUCLEAR POWER PARTICIPATING, ARGENTINES AND SOME OTHER LAS FELT BEST COURSE WAS TO FREEZE EFFORTS TO FORM THE COMMITTEE UNTIL CHINA' S ATTITUDE MORE PROMISING. FAILING THAT, THERE WAS SOME LASYMPATHY FOR NAMING NO NUCLEAR POWERS TO COMMITTEE. LATTER EFFORT WAS FRUSTRATED BY SOVIET MANEUVERING THROUGH POLISH GA PRESIDENT WHO NAMED 31 MEMBERS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE, IN-CLUDING COLOMBIA, PLUS RESERVING FOUR SEATS FOR NUCLEAR POWERS BESIDES USSR, IN EVENT THEY SHOULD LATER DECIDE PARTICIPATE. SEVERAL REGIONAL GROUPS IMMEDIATELY ASSERTED UNDER REPRESENTATION THEIR REGIONS, AND INADE-QUATE CONSULTATION BY GA PRESIDENT BEFORE NAMING
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4. EMBASSY SHOULD COMMUNICATE TO GOC THAT WE HAVE SEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD SPECIAL COMMITTEE. WE BELIEVE THE CONVENING OF THE COMMITTEE WITH ONLY ONE NUCLEAR POWER PRESENT, AS SOVIETS ARE SUGGESTING, WOULDBE POINTLESS. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR HOLDING MEETING TO GIVE APPEARANCE OF PROGRESS WHEN CONDITIONS FOR REALPROGRESS DO NOT EXIST. SOV ARGUMENT THAT MEETING WOULD BE ONLY PROCEDURAL DOES NOT IN OUR OPINION SOLVE INHERENT PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CREATED BY ITS BASIC LACK OF USEFULNESS AND ABSENCE OF PARTICIPATION BY ALL NUCLEAR POWERS. SHOULD ALL OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS BE WILLING PARTICIPATE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE PREPARED RE-EXAMINE OUR POSITION OF NON- PARTICIPATION. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST IF CONVENING OF COMMITTEE WERE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED, AND MATTER ALLOWED TO REST, AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT UNGA. IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SITE OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IS PRESENTLY RELEVANT.

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